

Lake County Juvenile Court

Saturday Work Program

The Saturday Work Program was started to provide an appropriate consequence for traffic offenders and unruly juveniles. Often this program is used as an alternative to detention for minor delinquent offenders. Up to twenty boys and girls meet at various work sites for a number of Saturdays. Work projects begin at 8:30 AM, and conclude at 2:30 PM. Included are various types of community service, usually manual labor at parks, disposal site, and other public places. The workers must bring their own lunch and are not paid. The participants are supervised by Court personnel at the job site.

As the Saturday Work Program is used as an alternative to detention, failure to attend or perform as ordered is treated as a violation of Court Order and is viewed very seriously by the Court.

The Saturday Work Program is consistent with the Court's philosophy of using the least restrictive alternative to correct behavior.